



# CAPAA

**Washington State Commission  
on Asian Pacific American Affairs**

## **Executive Director's Report**

**September 21, 2019**

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Improving the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans by examining issues, advancing advocacy, and ensuring access to government.

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Executive Director's report to the Commission covering activities, progress, and updates from June 16, 2019 to September 21, 2019.

### 1. STAFF ACTIVITY

**Staff activity:** Community events include: Stars of the East, Front & Centered Celebratory Reception, CJTC Statutory Stakeholder Meeting, Keynoting the University of Washington Women's Center New Leadership Institute Graduation, APIC-KC, KC Community Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement Oversight, Densho, Seattle JACL, Panelist at Samoa Cultural Day of Empowerment, Groundbreaking ceremony at Filipino Community of Seattle, Not This Time, APAICS welcome reception, guest lecturer at APAICS 2019 Regional Leadership Training – Seattle, Lights for Liberty @ Seattle Betsuin, CIE/USA-Seattle 2019 Annual Convention and Asian American Luminary Awards, APIC-Spokane Co-Chairs, AHANA OneAmerica, APIC South Puget Sound Chapter, Asia Pacific Directors' Coalition, SCID-PDA, ACLU-WA, Neighborhood House, and ACLU National.

Staff also attended several meetings with public officials, including: Office of Senator Patty Murray, Office of Congressman Adam Smith, Office of Congresswoman Pramila Jayapal, Criminal Justice Training Commission, Department of Commerce, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Labor & Industries, Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistan, Senate Majority Leader Andy Billig, State Senator Joe Nguyen, State Senator Bob Hasegawa, State Representative Sharon Tomiko Santos, Representative Jeremy Dufault, and the Office of the Attorney General Bob Ferguson.

**Sam Le Departure:** Sam Le had his final day with the Commission on June 28, 2019. An exit interview was conducted by E.D. Hasegawa

**Rosa Mai Hiring:** Rosa Mai began with the Commission as Project Manager on July 8, 2019.

**2019 Ruth Woo Fellow Jessica Byrne:** Jessica Byrne concluded her time with the Commission in August 2019 and plans to apply for a Senate Legislative Internship in the Fall.

### 2. COMMISSIONER ACTIVITY

**Commissioner Activity:** Commissioners submitted activity reports for the time period of June 6 – September 15, 2019. Total events reported = 80; Activity Report response rate = 83% (10/12 respondents).

**Lafaitale Lydia Faitalia** was appointed to serve upon the Commission, effective July 1, 2019.

**Helen Christensen** was appointed to serve upon the Commission, effective July 1, 2019.

**2019 Performance Measures:** The following chart describes CAPAA's performance measures as compared to its target figures for fiscal year 2019.

| <b>Performance Measure</b>  | <b>FY19 Actual</b> | <b>FY19 Target</b> | <b>Explanation</b>   |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| Meetings attended to identify issues/advise policymakers on rights/needs of Asian Pacific Americans | 400                | 300                | This is an estimate of the total number of meetings attended over the year. This includes meetings that commissioners attended. Last year, the estimate was 295. |
| Distinct recipients educational materials were delivered to   | 57.7k              | 10k                | Includes the number of people that visited CAPAA's website. Last year, the total was 22,503.   |
| Web page views  | 25k                | X                  |  |
| E-mail listserv   | 1.7k               | X                  |  |
| FB reach  | 39.9k              | X                  |  |
| In-person events  | 1k                 | X                  |  |

### 3. FINANCE

CAPAA's 2019 financial status and project reports can be found in Appendix I. The information in the reports shows that *CAPAA is in excellent financial condition*. The current balance of CAPAA's donation account is \$34,359.15. At this time, the agency is underspent by \$2,855 fiscal-year-to-date (compared to the amount that was allotted in CAPAA's spending plan).

- You will notice that sub-object EK, Facilities and Services, shows a negative variance of (\$991). This is not correct. About \$700 of this relates to printing and imaging, so it should have been recorded under sub-object EF. Additionally, when SAFS did August expense accruals for CAPAA, we mistakenly overstated Consolidated Mail costs by about \$150. These discrepancies will be addressed in the next report.
- Under sub-object JA, there is a negative FYTD variance of (\$1,491). This is due to the computer equipment that you purchased from WaTech earlier this year.

CAPAA submitted a decision package for two full time employees in the FY2020 Supplemental Budget. Additional staff will allow for CAPAA to fulfill its mandate as prescribed by the Governor, state legislature, and the public we serve.

## 4. COMMUNICATIONS

- Newsletter:** CAPAA’s newsletter is sent to the entire e-mail listserv (1,743 unique e-mails) on a bi-monthly basis.
- Facebook:** 1,579 Likes; 1,700 Follows.
- Website:** CAPAA’s updated webpage has launched! Next steps include uploading 2018 Needs Assessment infografx, creating a Census 2020 tab, and uploading the finalized 2019 strategic plan.

## 5. LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTATION & ADVOCACY

### **Appointments:**

#### **APA Heritage Month:**

- Commissioner Faitalia volunteered to represent CAPAA upon the APA Heritage Month Planning Committee

#### **Economic Development**

- Commissioner Cho was recommended for appointment to the Department of Commerce Keeping Washington Working Task Force.

#### **Education**

- Raj Manhas was recommended to represent the Asian American community upon OSPI’s Ethnic Studies Workgroup
- Lynette Finau was recommended to represent the Pacific Islander American community upon OSPI’s Ethnic Studies Workgroup
- Brianne Ramos was appointed to serve upon OSPI’s Student Safety Workgroup

#### **Health & Human Services**

- Lydia Faitalia was appointed to serve upon the COFA Dental Implementation Workgroup.
- Harold Taniguchi was appointed to serve upon the Cooper Jones Active Transportation Safety Advisory Council
- Executive Director Toshiko Hasegawa 2<sup>nd</sup> VC Nam Nguyen were appointed to serve upon the Disaster resiliency workgroup.
- Jasmit Singh was appointed to serve upon the Hate Crimes Task Force

#### **Vacancies:**

- Language Accessibility Workgroup

**CJTC Rulemaking Process:** The process to establish criteria for a “completely independent investigation” into police use of deadly force commenced in June and public input into this process is open until October. CAPAA is collaborating with the CJTC, I-940 statutory stakeholders, and community partners to organize and attend a number of public input forums across Washington State, including in the following cities:

9/9 – Tacoma, WA

9/12 – Kent, WA

9/16 – Burien, WA

9/18 – Spokane, WA  
9/24 – Vancouver, WA  
9/25 – Seattle, WA  
9/26 – Yakima, WA  
10/1 – Tulalip, WA  
10/3 – Suquamish, WA  
10/3 – Tacoma, WA

Updated criteria for completely independent investigations will be adopted by the CJTC in October, 2019.

**Equity Office Task Force:** E.D. Hasegawa serves upon the Equity Office Task Force, which has met twice thus far (Pierce, Clark counties) and has been a voice urging an accountability function and joined a work group to explore auditing functions to ensure agencies make efforts to comply with mandates and meet goals. A final report with recommendations will be due to the legislature in December, 2019.

## 6. NEEDS ASSESSMENT: CENSUS 2020 WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT

Partnering with an entity called AAPI data to use information from Census 2010 & American Community Survey to make projections of where AAPI's are in Washington State. We found that, besides King, Pierce & Snohomish counties, Whitman, Thurston & Clark Counties have the largest density of AAPI's.

In accordance with Governor Inslee's Executive Order, CAPAA staff and Commissioners have created an agency strategic plan to support a Census 2020 full count effort. It was determined that the Needs Assessment could be used to support a Census 2020 full count effort. We reached out to AAPI constituents and Census 2020 organizers within Whitman, Thurston & Clark Counties to ask, "What would be helpful to you?" and "would a plan like this be feasible and practicable?" Based upon their responses, CAPAA Staff, in collaboration with Census 2020 Committee, created, refined a scope of work and entered into a contract with Kaya Strategik, an equitable outreach firm specialized in ensuring government entities achieve equitable outcomes in their initiatives. The project entails three parts:

**Part 1: Heat map & analysis of communities** Conduct disaggregated data analysis of AA's and PI's in Whitman, Clark and Thurston counties and assess population demography at the smallest level they can specific to a geographic area.

**Part 2: Create a work plan** Drawing from most recent data and emerging best-practices, generate a strategic work plan to achieve a full county of AA's and PI's, that is specific to the context of the demography of the targeted counties and culturally appropriate. Conduct one work plan development sessions in collaboration with community leaders representing an serving AAPI's in-county:

|                  |           |               |             |
|------------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|
| Thurston County: | Thursday, | September 19, | 5:30 – 7:30 |
| Clark County:    | Saturday, | September 21, | 3:30 – 5:30 |
| Whitman County:  | Monday,   | September 30, | 6:00 – 8:00 |

**Part 3: Package this into a final report and work plan products** A final report of the work conducted, including data findings for all three counties, and the final work plans developed in conjunction with community stakeholders

The project began September 1, 2019. The final report will be received October, 2019 and will be made public for use by community leaders for implementation.

## 7. CAPAA EVENTS:

**Business Diversity Opportunity Fair:** The Ethnic Commissions will host a business diversity opportunity fair where members of the public can learn about study findings and opportunities at the state:

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

@ Port of Seattle – SeaTac Airport

**POC Legislative Summit:** Senator Hasegawa and the Senate Members of Color Caucus are hosting a statewide People of Color Legislative Summit, whereby communities of color across Washington State can connect tele-remotely to discuss priority issues and legislation to center advocacy efforts in the 2020 legislative session. Project Manager Rosa Mai has been representing CAPAA upon this workgroup thus far.

Saturday, October 12, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

@ Remote Locations Statewide

### **CAPAA Year- End Public Board Meeting**

Saturday, November 16, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

@ Together Center, Gary Baldi Conference Room, Redmond, King County, WA

### **CAPAA Year-End Celebration**

Saturday, November 16, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Hasegawa HQ, Beacon Hill Neighborhood

### **January Public Board Meeting**

Saturday, January 18, 2020

10:00 – 2:00

APCC, Pierce County

### **March Public Board Meeting**

Saturday, March 21, 2020

10:00 – 2:00

TBD